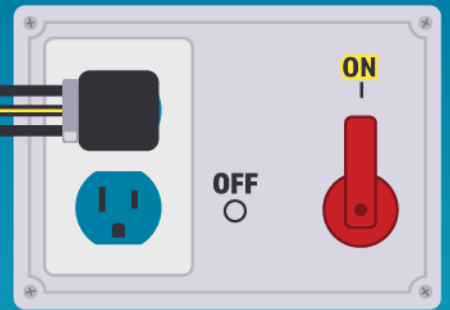




POWERING the Future of Foster Teens



The Hope Center at Pullen plugs foster teens and former foster youth into networks of support that power their growth and success.

Most teenagers can stay plugged into the resources they need to thrive as they transition to adulthood, such as housing and financial security. They are powered through their relationships with their families.

But many young people leaving foster care are suddenly unplugged from all networks of support.

The Hope Center at Pullen ensures all our young people leaving foster care can stay plugged in to the resources and supports they need to achieve a safe and stable adulthood.

TEEN PROGRAMS

In 2020-21 our Teen Programs connected 62% of the foster teens in Wake County to supportive relationships and opportunities for growth through internships, tutoring, mentoring, and life skills groups. Here are some examples:

- Our 22 foster teens devoted more than 1,400 hours to their internships, learning workplace skills and earning over \$14,000 collectively.
- 100% of interns report being better prepared to enter the workforce.
- Tutors volunteered for more than 300 hours to ensure that 100% of tutored youth improved in the subjects in which they were tutored.



“Before getting involved with the Hope Center I was always getting into trouble. My academic mentor, the Hope Center staff, and my peers at LINKS have had an extremely positive influence on my attitude and behavior.”

Bethany L. - Hope Center Client

TRANSITION PROGRAM

Our Transition Program is wired to help former foster teens achieve and maintain safe, stable housing, **grounding our youth so we can then spark progress towards their self-sufficiency goals.**

For the first time in their lives our clients are moving to stable, independent housing, often by utilizing our voucher programs. The voucher programs ensure clients pay the recommended 30% of their income towards their rent. And it works! **At the end of the 2-year-voucher 90% of our client transitioned seamlessly into safe, stable permanent housing.** Better yet, 50% of those clients didn't even have to move. They began to pay rent for their apartment completely on their own.

Stable housing is the boost former foster teens need to jump-start their futures. **Our clients are pursuing post-secondary education at a rate more than double the national average.**



“ I’ve been involved with the Hope Center for three years. Every time I hear their stories, I’m inspired by what youth have been able to overcome and by what the Hope Center is doing to help youth make the leap from foster care to the real world.”



Elizabeth Gardner
WRAL Meteorologist

DEMOGRAPHICS OF OUR CLIENTS

Total People Served in 2020-21: 160 Individuals



- Black: 67%
- White: 12%
- Latinx: 9%
- Multi-Racial: 12%

Female: 69% Male: 31%
20% of Transition Program clients have disclosed that they identify as LGBTQ+

Teen Programs: 105 people,
62% of the foster teens in Wake County

Transition Program: 55 people
Clients without kids: 24
Clients who are parenting: 13
Children of clients: 18

2020 FINANCIAL INFORMATION

In 2020-21, as the pandemic continued, we spent **90% more than the previous year on rent assistance, hotels for temporary housing, and utility bills for our clients.** We’d make this additional investment again in a heartbeat because it meant that 94% of our clients maintained safe and stable housing throughout the first two waves of the pandemic.



- Foundations - 31%
- Contributions - 31%
- Government - 31%
- Special Events - 7%



- Transition Program - 52%
- Teen Programs - 26%
- Management & General - 15%
- Development/Fundraising - 7%

“ During your “20s” you go through several things and still try to manage to learn “adulting” as you go. Some people don’t have the same support system a lot of other people are fortunate to have. The Hope Center has impacted my daughters’ and my life tremendously with finally finding housing for us, being supportive in life changes, and also goals I have set for myself. It wasn’t a piece of cake though. I went through some tough obstacles to get where I am today. I thought I couldn’t pull myself together with the weight on my shoulders but I had the physical, emotional and mental help from the people that work with me to keep me going.”



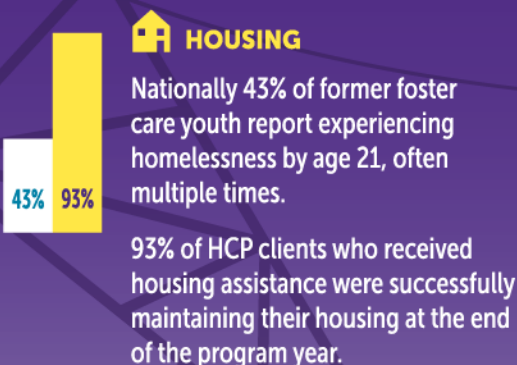
Tyra L.
Hope Center Client



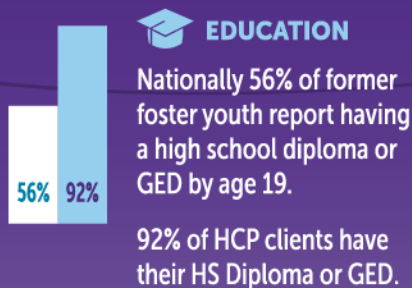
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The Hope Center at Pullen empowers emerging adults who are transitioning out of foster care in Wake County with the support and connections needed for a safe and stable adulthood.

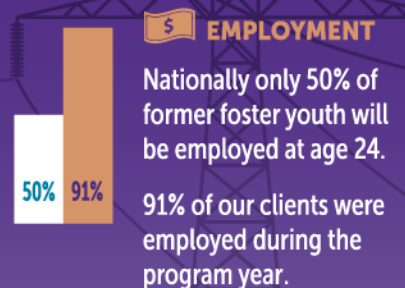
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